

Washington State Advisory Council of Historic Preservation  
c/o Michael Houser, State Historian, DAHP  
PO Box 48343  
Olympia, WA 98504-8343  
Transmitted electronically [Michael.Houser@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.Houser@dahp.wa.gov)

RE: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I am writing to introduce myself, and to overwhelmingly support the National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**.

While fifty-one years of raising two daughters living in rural Maine brought many fond memories, the inability to continue this do-it-yourself lifestyle, and the long distance from our children compelled us to think proactively about end-of-life issues, and plan for our retirement to be closer to our children and have a life-style that we were familiar with. It was the hardest decision we ever had to make.

In February 2016, after a two years of soul-searching, University House [UH] Wallingford became our new home. This November, UH will celebrate 25 years of service to the community, and although it is not considered 'historic' at this time, its architecture is in Classic or Greek Revival-style (*referencing its unique relationship with the University of Washington's Retirement Association*) in both the buildings and courtyard and perimeter garden's design. It enhances and contributes to the overall attractiveness and interest of the neighborhood.

The past six years of living in and being actively involved in the UH community and the greater neighborhood surrounding us, I can only find words of praise for the neighborhood that I now call home. In fact, the 'neighborhood' was a one of the reasons we choose to join University House Wallingford. We did not bring a car knowing of excellent local transportation choices; availability to walk to medical and dental appointments, shopping, dining, banking and other miscellaneous businesses. Walks throughout a safe and friendly neighborhood; enjoying four-season gardens and variations of architecture; and hikes to local parks provide exercise and pleasure. In general, I keep up with neighborhood activities via the email newsletter *Wallyhood*.

I especially enjoy the architectural diversity and PNW differences from those of New England. In past, I was a founder and leader of the local historical society until we left Maine. During that time, I added three nominations to the National Register: an 1886 Town Hall, a Federal-style brick home and grist and sawmill dating to 1795, and an 1818 Town Cattle Pound.

Lincoln High School has a strong historical presence in the community, not only for its architecture, but for one hundred years of educating the youths of Seattle. It is currently being renovated to make structural improvements and to save and preserve its historic character. Several generations of UH residents (one is a hundred years old and is still contributing to the high school alumnae) have strong ties to Lincoln HS and to the neighborhood. A few of us have grandchildren attending the high school. Currently, the youthful activity surrounding the school provides much enjoyment, especially for me seeing children walking to school under the beautiful 100+ year old Horse Chestnut trees.

I ask that you please support this nomination, as much time has been lost in saving Wallingford's Historic treasures, and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Donna Boyles  
4400 Stone Way N. #200  
Seattle, WA 98103

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Caroline Lee <youngtea609@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District

**Categories:** Red Category

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Oct 7, 2022

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I am writing to you as the owner of a local business, Young Tea Wallingford. I opened our store in the neighborhood in 2021 and have been amazed and touched by the support we have received from the community.

During my time here in the neighborhood, my team and I have interacted with many residents as well as people working in Wallingford. One common thing I have noticed among these people is their open-minded, kind and friendly attitude. I think the fact that Wallingford is such a culturally and historically rich community has contributed to these wonderful characters because seeing traces and hearing stories about the past of this neighborhood has influenced people to respect the hard work of the community over the years.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District. The district is eligible under Criteria A and C for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Caroline Lee

Young Tea Wallingford

October 7, 2022

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is John Pendleton and I purchased my 1923 craftsman style bungalow at 1619 N 47<sup>th</sup> St in 1996. I still walk around with pleasure noting the wonderful textures created by the historic houses in our district and the gardens and landscaping that the proud owners create. I also worry as condos spring up pressing right down to the sidewalk and changing the feeling of the neighborhood. I think that naming this an historic district will create more pride in and focus attention to what we have and perhaps slow the demolition of it.

I support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. .

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

E John Pendleton  
1719 N 47<sup>th</sup> Street

712 212 2716



## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Jeff Lindstrom <jeff@teamhealthins.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 3:31 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Historic Wallingford, I'm living in it!

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### External Email

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Hello Michael,

I live in Wallingford and have spent the last 9 years bringing our historic home back to its former self. It's been a long road, and as I am not a tech guy with lots of money, it has taken us this long to work on it piece by piece.

Pat Dorpat wrote an article in the Seattle Times about our historic preservation journey, which you can read here: <https://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/learn-all-about-wallingford-or-at-least-its-historic-homes/>

We live just two blocks from the former Seattle-Wallingford-Woodland Park rail line, and that street with its clear wide center marking where the rail line was is a great historic reminder of how our city grew.

Thus, I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

Would you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register?

Thank you!

The entire Lindstrom Family,

**Jeff Lindstrom**  
Managing Broker  
Phone: (206) 356-1607

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## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Glenn Singer <gsingerconsulting@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:26 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar. Historic District

**Categories:** Red Category

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is Glenn Singer and I am an eleven year resident of the Wallingford community and am currently on the board of the Wallingford Community Council.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Glenn Singer

2219 N 54th Street

Seattle, WA 98103

October 5, 2022

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My husband and I moved to Wallingford in 1995 from South Dakota. We bought a 1915 Craftsman home in this neighborhood, where we continue to live. We love this neighborhood, for its architecture, walk-ability, trees and easy access to services and transportation. We have met and know many of our neighbors, some of whom have lived here since childhood, and we all enjoy the ambiance of the neighborhood, in large part due to its variety of architectural styles.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Lynne DeLano & James P Groves

4335 Burke Avenue North

Seattle, WA 98103

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Jean Werner <j-werner@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:37 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District Nomination

**Categories:** Red Category

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I am a native Seattlite, born here in 1950 to parents who immigrated here from Sweden. I have also lived in Sweden and traveled throughout Europe and what I have always admired in so many of the European cities is the preservation of their architectural history.

Seattle started as a boom town and still has a boom town mentality, tearing down and building something new without pause. We are a new city in the big picture of things with not as much to preserve from the past which is why we need to work even harder to preserve what we do have.

I live in Wallingford for many good reasons which includes the lovely homes, many of which were inhabited by blue collar workers who all played a part in making Seattle what it is today. I think we owe our past some respect, not just now but for future generations as well. I understand the need for additional growth and expansion but let's pay attention to what type of growth this represents and what it is replacing

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Jean Werner  
3925 Densmore Ave Nth  
Seattle, WA 98103

Sent from my iPad



## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Elizabeth Noe <noelizabeth@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 2, 2022 4:54 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District

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External Email

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Dear Mr Houser,

I have lived in Wallingford for over 15 years and have seen the neighborhood go thru lots of changes. It is a wonderful place to have a family, attend local schools and support small businesses. As a leader of a local Girl Scout troop for over 5 years I know how special the young people Wallingford are!

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cochran  
1418 N 48th St  
Seattle, WA 98103

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Cultural Resource Services

October 10, 2022

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I'm writing to urge you to support the *Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District* nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Wallingford has been my home for the last seven years, and I stand on the shoulders of generations of Wallingfordians who shaped the place where I now live, work, and play.

I enthusiastically support the NRHP nomination for the *Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District*. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium-sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles. Those who shaped Wallingford were immigrants from Europe, Asia, or other parts of the U.S. They were office workers, salespeople, accountants, physicians, and engineers who lived alongside teachers, firefighters, and specialty workers, like bakers, tailors, and butchers. Even property developers, architects, and builders like Jud Yoho and W.J. Landon called Wallingford home.

Despite Wallingford's rich residential architecture, colorful social history, and contributions to the greater Seattle story, **not one residence in all of Wallingford has been designated a local landmark or nominated to the state or national registers. Please help us change that.** I urge you to support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Martin  
Historian, SJM Cultural Resource Services LLC  
Vice President & Volunteer, Historic Wallingford

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I bought my 1915 Craftsman Bungalow, at 4532 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Seattle in 1975. I loved the size, the style, the location within Wallingford, a neighborhood of historic single-family homes, and the fact that I didn't need a car. Public transportation was excellent. I now realize that convenient transportation was the lifeblood of this neighborhood when it was built, with houses like mine designed for working-class families.

In the nearly fifty years I have lived here, I have seen a lot of changes. The most recent trend is to tear down these historic homes and replace them with multi-family condominiums or apartment houses. If I'm being polite, I would say the new construction is architecturally indifferent. To be honest, a lot of these buildings are eyesores, built cheaply and out of character with the neighborhood. I know I can't stop progress, but a lot of people love the old-style houses, like mine, as reflected in price appreciation over the decades I've lived here.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. I have read the application. I understand that the district is eligible under Criteria A and C for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford still exhibits the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb. Fortunately, the district continues to have a concentration of residential architectural styles popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Wills  
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Re: **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination**

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I am writing today, asking that you support the nomination of the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. My family has over 61 years of history in Wallingford centered on a Craftsman bungalow built in 1921. Having grown up in this house and this neighborhood, the heritage homes and large historic buildings found here have influenced my sense of identity. As a result, I have a significant, emotional attachment to the sense of place found in Wallingford. Because of my attachment to this community, I became involved with the all-volunteer group, Historic Wallingford. This organization strives to foster the awareness of and appreciation for Wallingford's history and architecture and led the effort for this nomination.

Although there are several large public buildings in Wallingford such as the Good Shepherd Center, the Wallingford Center and the Wallingford Fire and Police Station that are city landmarks and listed on the National Register, no residences have historic preservation designation. With the hundreds of early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes found in Wallingford, in 2019 Historic Wallingford started the process of this nomination by hiring consultants NW Vernacular to lead a historic district feasibility study. Community volunteers reviewed the entire neighborhood, and based on criteria from the National Register, determine what areas held sufficient contributing properties to form cohesive historic districts.

Based on the findings of the Wallingford Historic District Feasibility Study, the area nominated as the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District*** is presented today. This nomination represents a large volunteer effort, significant financial contributions by individual donors, 4 Culture, and other foundation matches. The nomination has been assimilated per the requirements set out by the National Register. Although this is an honorary designation, it will raise the profile of the historic resources found in Wallingford and offer a tool to promote this historic neighborhood.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Clausen Bush  
1905 N. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98103

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Walter Mason <walt.mason@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2022 11:44 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford Historic District Support

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I'm writing in support of this designation. I've lived in the neighborhood for nearly 20 years, and a large part of what drew me is the craftsman residential architecture that speaks of a working class neighborhood and business district of the 1920s and 30s, served by streetcar transit and telling the story of a growing city and middle class.

I think the charm and history of the area is undeniable, but I also recognize that we're faced with a significant housing shortage and affordability crisis. History and change are not mutually exclusive, however, and I look forward to the development of templates that allow the city to evolve while also taking care of our past. The Historic District is part of that, and should be seen as a piece of the puzzle in moving us forward as a region.

Thank you,  
Walt Mason

October 10, 2022

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Olympia, WA 98504-8343  
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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District Nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

This letter is to respectfully request your support for adding the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. I have lived in the proposed historic district for 29 years and during this time gained an appreciation for a neighborhood comprised of grand houses with big yards, next door to houses built for large families, next door to modest bungalows on small lots, next door to workers cottages, next door to apartment buildings and near to a City of Seattle designated historic landmark that was an orphanage and boarding school for girls. The diverse lot size, house size, and quality of building materials convey that the families who lived in the proposed historic district had a wide range of economic means. I enjoyed learning from the historic district registration form that government employees, teachers, a dentist, physicians, airplane company employees, construction workers, Works Progress Administration employees, newspaper staff and persons in many other occupations lived in the proposed historic district 1901 – 1941. Their labor collectively contributed to the building of Seattle. I hope you enjoy reading the registration form as much as I did. The Wallingford-Meridian Historic District is worthy of recognition because the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and late 19<sup>th</sup> Century residences are associated with a time when people from different economic, educational, and social strata shared this unique place.

Please vote to forward the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you,

*Sharon V. Scherer, MPA*

1329 N 47<sup>th</sup> St #31481  
Seattle, WA 98103



## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** linda@inhousedesign.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2022 6:54 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

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October 9, 2022

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PO Box 48343  
Olympia, WA 98504-8343

Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My partner and I became residents of Wallingford 30 years ago after we purchased a house that met our criteria: modest starter house in a walkable Seattle neighborhood. We soon grew to appreciate our 1925 bungalow's good bones, architectural details and comfortable livability. Our "starter house" became the home we raised our children, perfectly-sized for familial togetherness. Our family thrived living within a city in a neighborhood that feels like a vibrant town. We think the residential buildings built in the early 20th century have nurtured this community connection.

We fully support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford has the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the region during the early 20th century: Craftsman, Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

Please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Linda Sewell and Roberto Mintiero  
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Seattle, WA  
98103

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Alison Drake <alisonldrake@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2022 1:46 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

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Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is Alison Drake, and I live in the Wallingford neighborhood in a craftsman home. I purchased this home with my late husband in 2005, and we were so happy to be part of Seattle's Old World Charm which I hope will be preserved in this neighborhood for many more generations to come. My husband and I expanded our little bungalow a few years ago, but took painstaking efforts to ensure that all updates were in line with the craftsman style - and support efforts to protect this special historical neighborhood.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District. The district is eligible under Criteria A and C for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Alison Drake  
1901 N 47<sup>th</sup> St

October 10, 2021

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I'm writing to support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. My family and I are long time residents of Wallingford, my children attended schools in the neighborhood, and I've been treasurer for the local Community Council, run our annual summer parade and am the current treasurer of Historic Wallingford. While I'm excited at the possibility of the historic district, I am not opposed to additional housing and density in proposed district and believe it's important and doesn't conflict with the goals of the application. Having lived in Chicago, New York City, and the Bay Area, I regularly quip that there were farms in Manhattan – things will change and should! The historic district does not prohibit development – those issues are dealt with primarily at the local level. Seattle has instituted a flawed process that incentivizes developers to build more 'unaffordable' housing in neighborhoods like Wallingford by contributing to a fund supporting affordable housing elsewhere. New apartments in Wallingford rent/sell for as much as current houses. That's the real development issue.

The positive and constructive reasons that you should approve the application, however, are that it clearly meets the criteria under section A and C as well as the spirit of the Historic District program. The work we've done in documenting the history and development of the district has only increased my sense that there is more we can celebrate and share the history and high percentage of Craftsman and other period styles. The streetcars are gone. No one can "see" this part of the history, but with the help of the visibility of a historic district, residents and visitors can learn why the street is that width or why this type of housing was placed there. The census research we did is also fascinating to show characteristics of immigration to Seattle and Wallingford in particular. The district can be an incentive for current and future property owner to develop or renovate in way that add to or maintain at least a link to the history we aim to celebrate. Nothing can be frozen in place, nor should it be, but we can keep links to our history alive through efforts like that of Historic Wallingford. We plan to make available on our website all of the architectural, census, and other data we collected to provide easy access to this treasure trove of material.

I appreciate the work you have done and continue to do in this field. The older I get the more this history seems precious. As a young person, there was nothing so exciting as discovering grandpa's old glass plate photographs in a dusty attic – historic districts also allow future generations a chance to see and feel that connection to their history as well. Many, many thanks for all you do – sincerely,

Patrick Long  
206-790-4910



DATE: Oct 10, 2022

Washington State Advisory Council of Historic Preservation  
c/o Michael Houser, State Historian, DAHP  
PO Box 48343  
Olympia, WA 98504-8343  
Transmitted electronically [[Michael.Houser@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.Houser@dahp.wa.gov)]

Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is Larry Bush and I am a property owner in the nominated area of Wallingford for the past 20 years. As I grew up in Upstate New York and spent many years in New England, I have always appreciated the large number of historic buildings and the sense of pride associated with being part of a neighborhood and welcoming community. Not surprising, much of this had to do with the local residents greatly appreciating the historical value and significance of their property and having a sense of pride in their neighborhood. Since living in Wallingford, I have experienced the same sense of pride in the neighborhood and have first-hand observed the appreciation people have given to what Historic Wallingford is trying to accomplish. Attending such neighborhood activities as the Wallingford Wurst festival and the Wallingford Farmer's Market, the sentiment I have observed is overwhelmingly positive in designating the proposed area of Wallingford for National Register of Historic Places. It seems the negative sentiment towards establishment of the NRHP I have experienced has come from developers or individuals who do not share the same sense of community or neighborhood in the proposed area of Wallingford and whose primary purpose is displacing families and heritage homes, replacing them with non-family friendly buildings, consequently eliminating the historic fabric and dynamic of my current neighborhood.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bush  
1905 N 47<sup>th</sup> St  
Seattle, WA 98103

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,


My name is Lindsay Ferrer and I am a resident in the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District. My family and I have lived in this neighborhood for ten years. We have enjoyed its low-rise historic architecture (particularly the Craftsman Bungalows) and the commonwealth of the broad range of residents who lived here as the neighborhood developed over the years. We enjoy the district's coherent aesthetic and clear connection to the past. We have seen many changes that are threatening the integrity of this desirable and unique character over the past few years.

While I support change and the need for housing development in Seattle, I ask that we take a pause to take stock of the living history and present in this district's existing buildings. Not only do these structures physically tell a story of our human past, they contribute to a vibrant and valuable part of our living city.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Ferrer   
4656 Sunnyside Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98103

October 10, 2022

Washington State Advisory Council of Historic Preservation  
c/o Michael Houser, State Historian, DAHP  
Olympia, WA

Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

As residents of the Wallingford neighborhood for almost sixty years we have come to appreciate and value this unique neighborhood. The small lots that keep the houses and people close together, the particular styles of house architecture that were in vogue during its primary period of development, and how convenient it is to walk through the neighborhood to the central commercial area on N 45<sup>th</sup> St are all important in giving it a special character.

I urge you to support its nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district application supports its eligibility under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. During this period it was home to a mix of immigrants, both from other parts of the country and from overseas who worked blue-collar jobs, which is clearly illustrated by the utilitarian houses. It is widely known for its concentration of the Wallingford Craftsman but you can also find many nicely designed Dutch Colonial, Classic and Tudor Revival homes, like the one we have lived in all these years.

Historic Wallingford has sponsored two day-long workshops and many lectures intended to provide Wallingford residents an appreciation for the details of what make their houses so special. These workshops featured architects, remodeling consultants and builders, and specialty firms that can assist in restoring or even expanding older houses while keeping them consistent with their original style. We believe that this Historic District will alert more residents to the classic nature of their homes and further contribute to residents understanding and valuing these elements so they will preserve them as they work on their homes.

Please support this nomination and forward it to the Keeper of the National Register. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Ruby and Edith Ruby

4128 Burke Ave N

Seattle WA 98103



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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

Listing of the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places has my unequivocal support. The 1916 Craftsman-style house I have owned and lived in for 29 years is situated within the proposed historic district.

Old growth Douglas Fir trees that were felled more than a century ago live on as shingles, posts, beams, and floors in the Wallingford houses built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Recognition of what could eventually be Seattle's last stand of Craftsman bungalows communicates the community values of stewardship, re-use, and reduction in waste.

Sincerely,

J. Bruce Reeder  
1614 North 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seattle, WA 98103



11 October 2022

WA State Advisory Council of Historic Preservation  
Att: Michael Houser, State Historian, DAHP  
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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

#### OUR PROPERTIES

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Dear Advisory Council Members:

Historic Seattle supports the nomination of the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar historic district to the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Seattle is a preservation development authority and is also the non-profit advocate for the preservation of historic places in the city of Seattle. Historic Seattle owns the 1906 Good Shepherd Center, which helps to anchor the proposed district. It was originally a home for girls, providing shelter and education to its occupants. Historic Seattle purchased the property in 1975 after neighborhood advocates successfully defeated a proposal to turn the property into a shopping center. Historic Seattle now operates the property for its non-profit organizational, educational and artist tenants. Good Shepherd is a locally designated landmark and is itself listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This Wallingford Meridian Streetcar neighborhood is a cohesive collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century architectural styles, particularly the Craftsman bungalows which characterize the district. The district also represents broader trends in the city of Seattle during the period of significance, such as the movement to outlying neighborhoods served by an expanding trolley car system as well as an increase of density in these early suburban neighborhoods through the conversion of houses from single family to multi-family use.

The Wallingford Meridian Streetcar historic district is an excellent and largely intact example of an early streetcar suburb in Seattle, and we hope you will vote to forward it for consideration by the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Murdock  
Preservation Advocacy Manager

10/12/22

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is Jeff Pattschull and I have lived in Seattle since 1991 and in the Wallingford neighborhood in Seattle since 2010. To me, Wallingford is one of the classic Seattle neighborhoods that makes the city a special place to live.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the **Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District**. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pattschull

1024 N 48<sup>th</sup> St

Seattle, WA 98103



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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I have lived in Wallingford for 35 years and have been a board member of several neighborhood organizations over the years, from school-oriented groups to the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Council. I have organized many efforts to connect neighbors to one another (block parties, disaster-preparedness plans, tree plantings, and other projects) so that Wallingford feels like a place people want to live and raise families.

Our adult children have grown up here, with a deep sense that they belong to a neighborhood with history, context and character. We've spent many hours as a family studying things like window designs in the front doors of homes, noting architectural features of Craftsman homes, and studying Paul Dorpat's extensive photo histories of the neighborhood. Our 'kids' are eager to have their beloved neighborhood mean something to the young people who will grow up here for years to come.

I have also consulted professionally with dozens of communities across Washington and many other states as they worked to preserve what was precious about their own communities and deepen people's sense of what was important in their towns. Something magical happens when citizens feel like the community where they live or work has something unique and special that sets it apart and makes people want to be there. I believe Wallingford can retain what makes it special and still accommodate many more residents.

I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. And I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Warmly,

Susan Howlett

260 NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St

Seattle, WA 98105

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Pamela SINGER <pamelasinger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:29 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford Meridian Streetcar Historic District

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### External Email

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

My name is Pamela Singer . I am an 11 year resident of Wallingford, as a transplant from Philadelphia. Living in the Philadelphia region for 22 years I grew to appreciate the value of reminders of the past ,the beautiful architectural contributions of historic buildings but more importantly it nudged me to appreciate and understand the significance of the past-where we were and where we are presently . Wallingford is a wonderful diverse community . My neighborhood represents homes, apartments and new construction. A great mix of people and places from but still holding to the value of appreciating the wonderful historic district homes.I feel that a nod to acknowledging the value of an historic district is important and of value.

I fully support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles. I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Pamela Singer

2219 N 54th Street

Seattle, WA 98103

Re: In support of the Nomination for Wallingford National Register for a Historic District Public Hearing scheduled for Oct.14 9:30 a.m.

To Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

To: [Michael.Hauser@dahp.wa.gov](mailto:Michael.Hauser@dahp.wa.gov)

Dear Mr. Hauser:

I enthusiastically support the efforts of Historic Wallingford for the past three years and their diligent efforts as volunteers to gather volumes of data on the many beautiful historic homes exhibiting the many styles of architecture that still remain functional today.

The areas of A and C have local significance as they follow along the Historic Streetcar line and are significant in representing important periods of architecture and continuous blocks of Craftsman , Dutch Colonial Classic and Tudor Revival styles.

My family has a long history in Wallingford. I have volunteered my time especially in the early stages of walking the neighborhood with many others to begin the process of evaluating homes on many blocks of Wallingford for a future historic district.

I was involved in an appeal with 29 other neighborhoods across the city in 2019. One of the goals was to get the city of Seattle to study and reissue a more accurate account of historic homes and buildings existing in neighborhoods identifying exact map locations throughout Seattle. The Hearing Examiner then required the city to go back and more accurately map out important historic landmarks and architecture overlooked in the city's initial publication. This was very positive for neighborhoods to have more accurate inventories, but only did it happen because residents throughout Seattle joined in to file an appeal.

Historic Wallingford has followed requirements of the state and gathered stories and histories relevant to Wallingford's architecture. Historic Wallingford has repeatedly reached out to the public to educate and inform through many workshops. Their work is outstanding in holding workshops dealing with home maintenance as well as offering resources and classes from Eugenia Woo of Historic Seattle.

The nomination does not stop any homeowner from selling or renting. I see only positives.

With rapid development and incentives to put more units on small lots developers are demolishing even well maintained homes that instead could be renovated. Many of us feel that a Wallingford Historic District would be a large benefit to the neighborhood to encourage preservation. Otherwise, we could be losing all of our valuable history exemplified through architecture.

Bonnie Williams/ Wallingford Resident



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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination

Dear Advisory Council Members,

While I am not a resident of Wallingford, I am honored to be writing to you as a Historic Wallingford board member. Before knowing much at all about the neighborhood (besides it being the location of my favorite Dick's Drive In and the city jewel that is Gas Works Park), I jumped at the chance of volunteering on Historic Wallingford's National Register Historic Districting effort in 2020. As a historic preservation student at the University of Washington at the time, the nomination seemed like a great opportunity to get some hands-on experience with a real-life grassroots neighborhood organization. On my first time out surveying the nominated district area, with its abundance of intact early to mid-20th-century homes, especially Craftsman bungalows, it felt different from other neighborhoods in Seattle. This area of Wallingford maintains its uniquely suburban feel and still demonstrates its initial development as a working class neighborhood.

Therefore, I enthusiastically support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District***. The district is eligible under **Criteria A and C** for its local significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle. Wallingford exhibits all the hallmarks of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, with its narrow residential lots and clustering of older apartment buildings and small- and medium sized houses on blocks close to streetcar lines. The district contains a significant concentration of residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable is the many variations of the Craftsman style, as well as the popular Colonial, Classical, and Tudor revival styles.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Chin

Historic Wallingford Board Secretary

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Charlie Reidy <chas.reidy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford Historic District

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### External Email

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I have lived in Wallingford for 18 years. I think it's one of the best neighborhoods in the city for many reasons, including its history.

I live in the part of Wallingford that is zoned as an urban village. I think that at least a part of every residential neighborhood in the city should be available for dense housing, no matter how rich or poor. We have dense housing of all kinds, from expensive townhomes to affordable housing for lower income people. I am fine with the density on my street. We have quite a diverse makeup, and people of all ages.

But at the same time, another part of the neighborhood should be protected for its history, because without history we don't really know who we are. I want more dense housing in Seattle, but I also think it's important to set aside a part of it for its traditional use. One of the reasons I like where I live is that I'm within walking distance of the part of Wallingford that is more historic. I think our neighborhood can still grow a great deal even if the zoning for part of it is preserved. There are still many lots in the Wallingford Urban Village available for more dense housing. I don't like the construction noise but I know it's necessary if we are to expand the housing supply of the city.

But please leave a part of the neighborhood as it is, so succeeding generations will know how the neighborhood grew. There are other neighborhoods in Seattle designated as historic, and the Wallingford neighborhood deserves this, too. We recently lost one of the few remaining neighborhood movie theaters in Seattle, and every time I walk past its remains I am taught a lesson on the value of history in making a community worth living in.

Thanks,  
Charles Reidy

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Priscilla Grundy <priscilla@grundy.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 3:43 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford Meridian Streetcar Historic District Nomination

External Email

Dear Advisory Council Members,

As a relative newcomer to Wallingford (six years), I have learned to value this neighborhood especially on my daily walks. It has a multitude of wonderful trees and gardens. But the special attraction for me is the Craftsman house, represented in many variations. Trying to describe them to a Scottish friend, I found more varying attributes than I could fit into the letter.

I do strongly support the nomination for National Register of Historic Places designation for the Wallingford Meridian Streetcar Historic District. The area is eligible under Criteria A and C for its significance as an intact early residential suburb of Seattle.

Please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

And thank you for your work to preserve valuable places.

Priscilla Grundy



## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Susan Boyle <sboyle@bolarch.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 1:42 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Support for NRHP Historic District, Wallingford

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### External Email

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Dear Mr. Houser and Members of the Advisory Council,

The nomination before you for the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Neighborhood Historic District is worthy of your approval.

I no longer live in Wallingford, but I am a prior 34-year resident and as preservation planner and architect. I know the neighborhood well, and the rich range of historic resources within it – from small single-family houses to multi-plex dwellings and large apartment buildings – as well as commercial and institutional buildings that serve residents and visitors.

People may think of Wallingford's blocks of consistent Craftsman bungalows. It has them, but it's far more varied and contains buildings embodying a wide range of revival styles popular in the Northwest. The density and scale of the street and parcel grid speaks of the neighborhood's creation in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and its growth when streetcar systems expanded to connect residents to Seattle's downtown and centers of employment, culture, and commerce. The residential buildings on the small parcels represent the aspirations of 20<sup>th</sup> century working- and middle-class people to have a home and create economic stability for their families. The urban context of the neighborhood – its streets, alleys, grading, landscape and buildings – has endured for a century, supporting generations of people who live there.

Considerable grassroots effort has gone into supporting the study of the proposed historic district and the preparation of the nomination report by the community's consultants. This effort also speaks of the neighborhood's endurance and significance. You may receive some distorting input suggesting the NRHP nomination has a NIMBY intent behind it to restrict future density. That is not the case. National Register-listed districts throughout the State of Washington demonstrate that growth can be accommodated along with preservation.

I encourage you to focus on the history of the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Neighborhood and its physical features, and support its historic district listing under register criteria A and C.

Thank you.

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SUSAN D. BOYLE, PRINCIPAL  
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## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Jennifer Russell <punsuch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Historic designation for Wallingford in Seattle, WA

External Email

Hello Mr Michael Houser:

Wallingford neighborhood deserves special recognition as an historic neighborhood because it is one of the few neighborhoods left in Seattle with a strong retail core made up of beautiful old buildings; a restored gradeschool that is a much-needed central hub where neighbors can gather; a former nunnery, The Good Shepherd Center, now a multi-faceted-use building within a park that the neighborhood voted for instead of a shopping mall; and many wonderful, intact, well-kept, and restored bungalows.

While most developers have kept to the original architecture, a few have crept in with structures that do not blend well. By designating Wallingford an area worthy of historic recognition, what development is necessary for increasing housing may be subject to more rigid design guidelines. One developer on 50th created a cluster of housing units that blend in with Craftsman style, and another developer two blocks west put up cheap, boxy units that look pretty atrocious. An historic designation would give homeowners who have put their life savings into restoring their bungalows a powerful label when speaking with the city.

My comments from experience, being an urbanist who welcomed the first architecturally similar development next to the Wallingford post office more than two decades ago. More recently, I gave more than three hundred volunteer hours to the HALA-MHA efforts of a mayor two mayors ago (Murray) whose administration trampled over the design wishes of our community.

Please keep in mind that the Catholic gradeschool, Saint Benedict's, and its large playfield, open to all the neighbor kids, is a mainstay for us, with many parents of non-Catholic children sending their children to "St. Ben's", and the classic brick gothic apartments across the way from that playfield are always marveled at and commented upon by visitors. Most of the bungalows were built "story and a half" which meant that school-age children could sleep dormitory-style and walk to school.

Finally, Wallingford is pretty well integrated, a fact that many who don't live here don't believe. But on my block alone, we have two black families, a latino family, and an integrated Japanese couple. I have lived here for most of my life, and have relatives all over the city, and Wallingford's architecture and history make it more worthy than any other neighborhood in the city for this designation, in my opinion and experience of forty years of walking entire neighborhoods all over the city.

Preserving our district for posterity with this designation, without squeezing out others who wish to live here, would be a great legacy for the entire city, especially since Wallingford's southern boundary goes all the way to Lake Union. Making Wallingford a Historic Neighborhood would elevate Seattle in the rest of the world's eyes, because the perception of my relatives who live in other states is that our city has lost its collective mind.

In short, just making this decision is a vote for the future of Seattle's collective conscience. This is one of the most important decisions to have come along in a very long time and deserves your vote of confidence.

Sincerely,





## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** Veith, Thomas <Thomas.Veith@seattlecolleges.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 10:22 AM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District Nomination (Revised)

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### External Email

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Re: Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District nomination (Revision 2)

Dear Advisory Council Members,

I was a Wallingford resident (initially a renter, later a homeowner) from 1985 to 2007. I walked the entire neighborhood in the course of completing a historic survey of the neighborhood for the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Program (2005) and wrote a “preliminary” history of the neighborhood, supported by a 4Culture grant, about the same time. I am a charter member of the Board of Trustees of Historic Wallingford.

I am sensitive to the architectural character of the neighborhood as a result of my background, training, scholarly activities and involvement in a variety of civic activities:

- Master of Architecture, University of Washington, 1991
- Author-Contributor-Editorial Board Member, *Shaping Seattle Architecture; A Historical Guide to the Architects*, University of Washington Press, 1994
- Co-Chair of Team Wallingford (Wallingford neighborhood planning group, 1994-1998)
- City of Seattle Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee
- Member of the City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board, 2003-2011

I support adding the ***Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District*** to the National Register of Historic Places. The district is probably eligible under all four of the criteria listed on DAHP website:

- The district is associated with important events that have contributed significantly to the broad pattern of our history (development of the electric street car and associated suburbs, and the rapid expansion of Seattle in the period between 1900 and 1930). or

- The district is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past. (land developers such as E. P. Ferry, designer/developers such as Jud Yoho, architects such as Henry Bittman, and merchant builders such as P. E Wentworth), or
- The district embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction (the bungalow type and the Craftsman style); or represent the work of a master; or possess high artistic values; or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (a cohesive working class/middle class neighborhood with significant variation from individual to individual and from house to house). or
- The district has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

The contributing structures in the proposed district all date from the period from the four decades prior to 1941 and thus meet the age requirement, and most exhibit a high degree of integrity or have been altered in ways that would likely comply with the NPS guidelines for the rehabilitation of structures in a historic district. In fact, Wallingford is an excellent example of an early 20th century American streetcar suburb, characterized by narrow residential lots and the clustering of small- and medium sized houses and small shops on blocks close to streetcar lines. The proposed district contains a significant concentration of the residential architectural styles and forms that were popular in the Pacific Northwest during the first decades of the 20th century. Particularly notable are the large number of bungalows featuring Craftsman or Prairie style detailing.

I ask that you please support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

Sincerely,

Thomas Veith

## Houser, Michael (DAHP)

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**From:** susan ryan <gardendigsdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** Houser, Michael (DAHP)  
**Cc:** Brooks, Allyson (DAHP)  
**Subject:** Wallingford - Advisory Council on HP

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### External Email

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Dear Mr. Houser & WA State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Members:

I would like to express my support for the Wallingford Historic District designation. I understand a meeting may be taking place today and this e-mail of support may be arriving to late to be added to the record.

I have found that many of our older (100 yr) neighborhoods similar to mine, College Park Historic District and now Wallingford have been and still do contain some of the most dense and walkable communities of our cities. These historic properties cannot be built today with today's materials and costs. The sustainability factor alone is worth acknowledging as a Historic District. It is my experience also that our older neighborhoods also contain the most diverse options for housing. These neighborhoods over the years have included boarding rooms, basement apartments, small apartment buildings, backyard cottages and house conversions into multi-family dwelling. Something lost when discussions opposing single family zoned neighborhoods are ridiculed.

In addition, having the general public and developers educated to the benefits and long term sustainability of our historic and vintage cities is a must! I believe too much emphasis by some of today's house and building designers along with developers focus only on the highest return on their investment and little on what the community is left with.

Some of these designers or draftsman also are only focusing on the interior "space experience" from inside looking out failing to consider the experience of those on the outside. No regard to being a participant of the collective architectural history and experience of what makes a great neighborhood. Historic Districts create a sense of place and appreciation for what can no longer be built today. It is imperative that more support and outreach be disseminated instead of the louder voices that do not seem to understand or care why historic preservation and conservation continues to be invaluable resource.

I often hear of the benefits for providing housing choices. Historic Districts are just another choice for those that choose to live amongst homes and buildings of this nature, count me in that group.

I have personally witnessed efforts by a minority group of individuals and organizations attempting to put forth a narrative that Historic Districts lead to less diversity, inclusion and displacement. However none of this is based in facts. In my view some of the new development efforts have caused more displacement.

On-line bloggers and social media groups have brought about confusion and disinformation no different from what we are seeing in our current political landscape. Individuals less knowledgeable to the facts associated with Historic Districts are being misled to believe untruths.

Historic Districts are found to be more diverse and inclusive, providing long term stability to cities. Place Economics has done some good analysis on this.



In closing I support more Historic District designations and feel government leaders need to capitalize on what we still have that is different from the faux recreations being built in much younger cities.

I appreciate your time and hope that my words can find a place in deliberations towards Wallingford and future communities seeking inclusion into the community of Historic District designations.

Sincerely,

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Dear Advisory Council Members,

I have been a five year resident at University House, 4400 Stone Way N and one of the joys of living here is walking around this neighborhood with its variety of houses that are fine examples of Craftsman architecture. I grew up in a mansion built by a man who made a fortune in the Comstock Lode silver mines in Nevada and am so grateful it has been preserved after being designated "Historic".

I certainly support the nomination for National Registration of Historic Places designation for the Wallingford-Meridian Streetcar Historic District.

I ask and hope that you will support this nomination and vote to forward it to the Keeper of the National Register.

With thanks,



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